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to draw the bill. But how is it that this Tahsildar happened to draw it and an opportunity was given to him to misappropriate the amount? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" He is a special officer deputed for the special purpose of land acquisition."

Mufti Police for Avadi Congress Session.

* 1532 Q.—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri K. Moidu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Police personnel in mufti were employed to do the work of Congress volunteers during the Avadi session of the Congress? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Local Fund Dispensary, Pennalurpet.

* 1533 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted to Pennalurpet Local Fund Dispensary in Tiruvallur taluk for medicine in 1954;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to provide accommodation and beds for in-patients; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to take over this Local Fund Dispensary by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Rs. 1,350.

" (b) & (c) No, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that as there are two rivers on either side of this Local Fund Dispensary the people living in that area are not able to go out and get better accommodation and medical facilities and they are undergoing lot of difficulties? Therefore, will the Government consider the desirability of providing some beds and supplying proper medicines and equipment for this Dispensary before it is provincialized? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This Local Fund Dispensarry is under the control of the Chingleput District Board. The hon. Member may address the President of the District Board on this matter."

Fall in prices of agricultural products.

* 1534 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication from the Union Government to investigate into the causes of the steep fall in the prices of agricultural products in the State;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government; and